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1. Alliance for Africa

Special, 2012

Introduction

Alliance for Africa (AFA) is an international, human rights, peace and sustainable development organization. In 2000, AFA moved its main office to Nigeria to facilitate the delivery of its work at its primary constituency — Africa. AFA has national offices in Lagos and Imo State, Nigeria and an international office in London, United Kingdom.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AFA aims to protect human rights, promote women's participation in leadership and governance, build institutional capacity, advocate for gender-based justice, promote equality and non-discrimination, as well as peace, security and conflict resolution interventions.

Significant changes in the organization

AFA recently expanded its thematic areas of intervention and focus to include the provision of social and strategic litigation support to victims of gender-based discrimination and violence, including rape and sexual assault.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFA supports the work of the United Nations by creating awareness of the United Nations instruments that are pertinent to the organization's area of work. For example, AFA is currently litigating before the Court of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Abuja a case of gender-based discrimination of four Nigerian women by state agencies. It is leading the advancement of instituting legal frameworks for advancing women's right such as the newly enacted Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015. AFA is also advocating for the enactment by Nigeria's legislature of the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill which seeks to abolish discriminatory acts against women by state and non-state agents.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization actively participated in the launching and sensitization of women on the Nigerian Women's Platform for Peaceful Election on 11 December 2014, held in Abuja, Nigeria, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Femme Africa Solidarity, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2015, AFA signed a cooperation agreement with United Nations Women (UN Women) to enhance gender equality and women's empowerment. It also collaborated with UN Women to monitor developments in the state of Imo during the 2015 elections.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AFA worked extensively on goals 3, 5 and 6 of the MDGs and is mobilizing support for achieving goal 5 of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) by advocating for the inclusion of more women in elective decision making positions.

2. Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) is a non-governmental organization committed to reinforcing and supporting the status of justice in the Arab region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- ACIJLP seeks to reinforce and support the status of justice in the Arab region by:
- Consolidating the rule of law, independence of the judiciary and legal profession;
- Respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Arab region;
- Strengthening the judiciary in accordance with the standards of fair trial in line with international covenants;
- Promoting and disseminating the values of human rights;
- Establishing the principles of international legitimacy and criminal justice; and
- Teaching of law in the Arab region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACIJLP held a number of workshops and conferences calling for the dissemination and consolidation of United Nations principles and activation of issued covenants and declarations. ACIJLP also organized various events to raise awareness of governments in the Arab region (including Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Sudan, and Tunisia) on the principles, charters and declarations issued by the United Nations, such as the Second Optional Protocol on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty. In order to commemorate the 11th International Day against the Death Penalty, ACIJLP organized a workshop on "The role of judges, public prosecutors and lawyers in reducing the application of the death penalty in the Arab States" in Cairo, Egypt from 9 to 11 June 2013 which was attended by legal professionals and human rights activists from various Arab countries including Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. ACIJLP also

organized a seminar under the auspices of the Jordanian Ministry of Justice titled "The role of electronic media in reducing the death penalty."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACIJLP delivered oral remarks and written statements during the 22nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council held in Geneva, Switzerland from 25 February to 22 March 2013. The organization's interventions addressed obstacles to the independence of the judiciary in Egypt, ensuring equal access to justice, and challenges facing the implementation of national legislation to enforce human rights law and the rule of law.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACIJLP has cooperated extensively with United Nations bodies in furthering its mandate. In March 2014, ACIJLP participated in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) which tracked progress on the human rights situation in Egypt and the government's commitment to implement the recommendations of the International Council for Human Rights. On 14 December 2014, the organization issued a statement advocating for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to take necessary actions on the arrest of wanted persons involved in serious crimes and crimes against humanity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito

Special, 2008

Introduction

Asociación Mujeres Unidas para el Microcrédito is an international non-governmental organization, established in Spain in 1996, that promotes microfinance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

For over 16 years, the NGO has worked on a range of projects to promote social development and the empowerment of women, to eradicate discrimination through international cooperation, to promote microcredit and to honour the cultural heritage of underprivileged communities around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Having renewed the Communication on Engagement of the United Nations Global Compact, the main goal of the organization is to support the diffusion of documents through the Official Document System (ODS).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2011, the organization has been a member of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and has annually submitted review questionnaires. This NGO collaborated with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in a draft project for women in the Dominican Republic titled "Tejiendo Futuro."

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. Association Dunenyo

Special, 2012

Introduction

Dunenyo is a Togolese non-profit development and international solidarity organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main aims are: to implement the right of all persons to a healthy environment and living conditions; to combat desertification and environmental pollution; to combat trafficking in children, exploitation of orphans and the poor; to provide aid to the poorest populations; to raise grassroots awareness about sexually transmitted diseases; and to practise sustainable eco-tourism activities in nature in a manner that is respectful of the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is active in the areas of humanitarian concerns, health, education, human rights, and the environment. As part of its consultative role, it organizes training events for young people on human rights and health topics and on combating HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively followed the work of the Human Rights Council by participating in the 28th, 29th and 30th sessions in Geneva, Switzerland. It also took part in the second World Human Rights Forum in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 27 to 30 November 2014 and the 23rd session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2 to 13 November 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the association carries out renovation of school buildings and provides basic necessities to improve the lot of orphans in orphanages.

5. Egyptian AIDS Society

Special, 2000

Introduction

Established in 1992, the Egyptian AIDS Society (EAS) focuses on raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, supporting people living with HIV/AIDS and advocating against their discrimination in society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to:

- Increase awareness among youth, media personnel, health workers, and community members of HIV/AIDS and its preventative methods through training sessions, workshops, seminars, symposiums and conferences;
- Train technical and professional personnel in the medical, social, educational, and mass media fields on HIV/AIDS prevention;
- Provide comprehensive support to people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Eliminate all forms of discrimination and stigma against people living with HIV/AIDS and support their human rights;
- Cooperate with governments, national and international organizations and private institutions to implement activities and support HIV/AIDS-related programmes, both financially and socially;
- Perform researches and studies related to sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV/AIDS; and
- Disseminate messages through multiple mass media outlets to raise public awareness of HIV/AIDS and its side effects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EAS contributes to the work of the United Nations by raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, decreasing stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS and establishing their human rights. EAS commemorated the World

AIDS Day between 2013 and 2015 by organizing events which were widely covered by the media and attracted hundreds of participants.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

EAS has actively participated in various task forces and consultations held by the United Nations and its bodies including the following:

- "Reflections and the Way Forward," co-organized by the National AIDS Program and UNAIDS Cairo, Egypt, 28 December 2014;
- Egypt Country Partnership Framework 2015-2019, organized by World Bank Group (WBG), Alexandria. Egypt, 19 June 2014 (Phase 1) and 24 February 2015 (Phase 2);
- Stakeholders meeting to launch the Test–Treat–Retain Cascade Analysis, co-organized by World Health Organization (WHO), Egypt, 26-27 January 2015;
- 59th Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 9-20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2013 and 2015, the organization collaborated with the World Bank Group to implement a project funded by the Ford Foundation to support the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and help them obtain access to comprehensive medical and social care through service delivery sites of Egypt's Ministry of Health.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EAS contributed to goals 5 and 6 of the MDGs by providing training, advocacy and raising awareness of 2,000 healthcare workers, 150 media personnel and 400 youth in the field of HIV/AIDS. It also contributed towards improving maternal health, decreasing stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV/AIDS and establishing their human rights.

6. Endeavour Forum

Special, 2000

Introduction

Endeavour Forum Inc. is an Australian women's pro-family NGO which works with similar organizations, both locally and overseas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Endeavour Forum Inc. aims to enhance the status of women, particularly in support of motherhood, pregnancy and lactation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization addresses issues impacting the health of women and children and the violation of basic human rights of women through its quarterly newsletter and email news service.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to regularly participating in major conferences organized by United Nations Women, the organization has attended all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women during this period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization organized side-events related to the themes of the Commission on the Status of Women for each year.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the MDGs through initiatives that address poverty eradication, women and children's health and the violation of basic human rights of women.

7. Fondation Ostad Elahi: éthique et solidarité humaine

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fondation Ostad Elahi — éthique et solidarité humaine (Ostad Elahi — Ethics and Human Solidarity), a public interest foundation recognized in 2000 by the French State, is based in Paris. The aim of the foundation is to truly foster closer relations between people by focusing on developing what lies at the root of all solidarity: the sense of decency present in everyone. Its geographical scope is essentially France and the French-speaking countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization takes a secular and intercultural approach to its work through round tables, seminars, discussion groups, research, higher education modules, publications, web TV, etc.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation contributes to the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by organizing high-level forums and round tables of experts which focus on the themes covered by the Council each year, including those of the Commission for Social Development. This NGO has conducted several symposia in collaboration with various universities and colleges, such as the Paris Institute of

Political Studies, Descartes University, the faculty of law of the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, the Institut de France, etc.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations by participating regularly in various events organized by the United Nations. This included participation in the 51st and 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development and in the 2013 and 2014 Annual Ministerial Reviews.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2012 to 2015 the high-level forums organized by this NGO in cooperation with various academic institutions enabled broad participation by partners. These events were identified as examples of best practice and valuable sources of lessons learned.

8. Foundation for GAIA

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for GAIA (GAIA) advocates for the protection of life-support systems and progress towards a new sustainable and just economic system that makes a clear distinction between wholesome and cancerous forms of growth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to place environmental and human rights issues on the international agenda in order to achieve its vision of an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable and equitable world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GAIA has been instrumental in creating the "NGO Forum on Environment" which holds debates on environment-related agenda items of the United Nations, including climate and sustainable development goals (SDGs). Between 2013 and 2015, GAIA also took part in consultations of the "Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group" on a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace. It provided training sessions on the United Nations system in collaboration with the Swiss human rights institution, Incomindios Schweiz, on 20 February 2013. Additionally, GAIA has actively collaborated with various academic institutions, inter alia to discuss the role of faith-based NGOs at the United Nations in

collaboration with the University of Fribourg, Switzerland on 3 May 2013. In May 2014, GAIA convened a meeting for students of London University on the right of peoples to peace and environmental issues in collaboration with Tufts University.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GAIA has participated extensively in meetings held by the United Nations including the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) and related social fora. Additionally, the organization participated in the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples between 2013 and 2015. Its representatives also attended the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Forum on Business and Human Rights between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GAIA is part of the Geneva Climate Change Coalition (GeCCCo) and has submitted various statements to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

9. Global Economist Forum

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Global Economist Forum (GEF) is a non-profit organization, registered by the government of Bangladesh.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of GEF is poverty alleviation. Additional areas of focus include trade and investment development, women's empowerment, human resources development, training, human rights, research and humanitarian activities.

Significant changes in the organization

GEF has experienced a significant increase in its training, capacity-building programmes and publications. This organization has also signed cooperation contracts with new national and international entities and has opened three new country chapters in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GEF contributed to the work of the United Nations by working to list Bangladesh as a country with middle income status by 2021 and submitting policy papers to the Ministry of Planning and Rural Development of Bangladesh on a biannual basis.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GEF has supported the MDGs by assisting the poorest population to obtain access to banking and credit for small enterprises and industries. During the last four years, the organization has achieved the following:

- Provided access to banking and credit to 832 families which has allowed them to gain self-employment;
- Created job opportunities for 500 persons, directly and indirectly;
- Arranged the training of 100 professionals;
- Conducted 20 business and investment promotion programmes; and
- Published 72 monthly bulletins and 12 research and policy papers.

10. Global Hope Network International

Special, 2012

Introduction

Global Hope Network International (GHNI) is dedicated to helping the underserved people in the 70 poorest countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, by providing aid, sustainable development, education and leadership training.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GHNI's core focus is teaching communities to transform themselves sustainably and preventing communities from becoming dependent on international partners to escape perpetual poverty and despair. GHNI delivers Transformational Community Development (TCD) trainings to local community leaders in the water, food, wellness, income and education sectors. Additionally, GHNI, through its Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy (GILPP), trains national leaders on how to move their country toward prosperity through public policy and rule of law initiatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GHNI has supported the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Egypt, Ethiopia India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kurdistan, Lebanon, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia,

Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Serbia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Republic of Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Uganda through:

- primary education, family health education development and child rearing;
- personal hygiene, disease and infant mortality prevention, and pre/post-natal care;
- training in human trafficking awareness, prevention, public policy, leadership and post-conflict resolution;
- 50/50 community partnership micro-business development;
- self-sustainable farming and innovation to increase food production;
- refugee rehabilitation services; and
- water sanitation and irrigation projects.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GHNI participated in the 8th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations in New York on 30 April 2015. It also attended the 23rd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Switzerland on 4 June 2013. Additionally, it attended the International Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by the United Nations Christian Association (UNCA) in Geneva, Switzerland, 23 September 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MDGs 1, 2, 5 and 6 in Kenya: GHNI provided training in business creation and innovation to the Rubani women's groups. It also delivered pre/post-natal education which includes topics such as HIV/AIDS, child disease and hygiene issues to expectant mothers to decrease infant mortality rates.

MDG 1, 4, 5 and 7 in Afghanistan: GHNI empowered community members on sustainable environment measures and educated mothers on birth/lifesaving skills to reduce infant mortality.

MDG 1 and 2 in India: Along with providing training in child literacy and education to women, GHNI also guided farmers on techniques to increase crop cultivation through the "Miracle Acre" strategy that involves soil/drip irrigation techniques.

MDG 1 in Indonesia: GHNI educated local families/farmers on best practices regarding cocoa bean fermentation, seeding, pruning and grafting, as well as innovative methods to protect cocoa beans from contaminants thereby increasing production and sale during the reporting period. It also empowered local women to start shrimp breeding businesses.

MDG 1 in Ethiopia: GHNI taught communities on group farming methods, including implementing goat-loan programs and shrimp farming businesses to increase income/food production that would decrease the overall hunger and poverty in the region.

11. Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership/Partenariat mondial pour l'électricité durable

Special, 2012

Introduction

Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership (GSEP) is a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable energy development worldwide through electricity sector projects and capacity-building initiatives in over 110 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to play an active role in global electricity issues and to promote sustainable development through electricity sector projects and capacity-building activities in developing nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2012, GSEP has collaborated with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to support the "Sustainable Energy for all" (SE4ALL) initiative which sought to increase access to clean electricity by distributing 60,000 solar lanterns across eight countries. It also conducted workshops and capacity-building seminars in various countries of Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean reaching over 600 participants. Additional projects conducted in 2013 include the "Patagonia Wind Diesel Hybrid and Micro hydro" project which provided renewable energy to remote communities in Argentina and the "Energy for Education" project where solar photovoltaic systems were installed in rural schools of Nepal. In 2015, GSEP started the "Dhiffushi Solar Ice" project through which solar photovoltaic systems and ice machines are being installed to support local economic activities in the Republic of Maldives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012. This NGO also participated in the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

GSEP collaborated with the following United Nations bodies, among others:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: it launched its Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for Sustainable Electricity Development Program, 2012-2013;
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: it implemented three capacity-building workshops, 2012-2014; and

– United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): it contributed towards reducing the environmental impact of animal waste on rural water resources through the "Uruguay Biogas Microgeneration System Project", since 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to goals 7 and 8 of the MDGs through its sustainable electricity projects and capacity-building activities which increase access to renewable energy and promote sustainable development. In November 2015, this organization implemented a workshop with the Millennium Development Authority of Ghana, an organization also committed to achieving the MDGs.

12. Globe Aware

Special, 2008

Introduction

Globe Aware is a US and Canadian charity that operates in Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Peru, Romania, South Africa, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Globe Aware aims to promote sustainability and cultural awareness through short term projects that increase local populations' access to sustainable initiatives and cultural awareness.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization is considering downsizing activities in countries affected by the Zika virus.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Globe Aware undertook various activities to advance the development agenda of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by improving social and economic conditions of indigent people. For example, Globe Aware recently initiated a programme to assist single mothers in Guatemala by installing concrete floors in their homes and constructing gardens. It has also begun an educational programme for children in Ecuador.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Globe Aware has actively participated in meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of ECOSOC in New York. It also participated in the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York held from 27 February to 9 March 2012, where it made recommendations on projects promoting women's health. Additionally, it was represented in consultations of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) convened by the United Nations General Assembly in New York, held on 19 October 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Globe Aware undertook several activities to improve the socio-economic condition of various communities and help improve their standard of living. In support of the MDGs, the organization improved housing conditions of women in Guatemala and Ecuador, provided food and hygiene education to 795 children and assembled stoves in Peru, built three schools and 14 restroom facilities in Ghana, taught English literacy to 120 children in India, distributed 89 wheelchairs to landmine victims with no access to healthcare in Cambodia, and built 55 mobile libraries for pre-kindergartners in Vietnam.

13. Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society — Punjab, Ludhiana

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1997, the Guru Angad Dev Sewa Society is a non-governmental organization dedicated to providing health, education and human rights assistance to women, children and lower income groups, including slum dwellers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to improve the social conditions of lower income groups, including slum dwellers, by providing primary health care, raising awareness of health and sanitation and facilitating basic education to rural communities. In the longer term, it aims to contribute towards ending domestic violence against women, offer income-generation projects to women, provide reproductive and healthcare assistance and conduct advocacy on existing laws for women.

Significant changes in the organization

Since this organization obtained ECOSOC consultative status in 2012, it has redirected its focus towards implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has participated in several international workshops on women's issues, where it has presented key findings in health awareness and shared replicable models with other institutions. It actively participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women between 2013 and 2015 which allowed it to exchange ideas and collaborate with other non-governmental organizations working in the same field.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 4-15 March 2013 and 8-20 March

2015, respectively. Representatives of the NGO actively attended and served as guest speakers during related forums.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has contributed to helping communities achieve goals 3 and 5 of the MDGs. To promote gender equality and empower women it has held awareness campaigns and provided basic literacy and vocational training to rural women to improve their status in society. In order to improve maternal health, the NGO has provided assistance to expectant women aimed at reducing child mortality. It is collaborating with other civil society organizations under the "Commonhealth" umbrella to consolidate achievements of the MDGs and set out additional indicators for the sustainable development goals.

14. Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Human Rights Association for Community Development in Assiut (HRACDA) is working to promote and protect human rights of Egyptian citizens, especially in the Upper Egypt region. This association works with marginalized groups including children, women, youth, and victims of torture and violations of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HRACDA aims to apply international standards of human rights, raise community awareness and provide support and assistance to marginalized and vulnerable groups in the Upper Egypt region by: providing advanced mechanisms to raise awareness and educate youth; monitoring and documenting women's and youth issues; applying international standards of human rights in Egypt; raising community awareness and mechanisms of practicing democracy; networking with other NGOs to raise awareness of human rights; and establishing legal clinics to provide support and legal assistance to marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization furthered the work of the United Nations through the implementation of three projects funded by the European Commission titled "Caring of Prisoners' Families and Respecting their Rights," September, 2015; "Keeping and Accrediting Nubian Heritage," March 2015; and "Serving Physically disabled persons" in collaboration with Handicap International also in March 2015.

Furthermore, it implemented a project titled "Youth Employment in Environmental Clean-up Campaigns in Assiut Governorate" funded by the World Bank in June 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to providing written statements to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Substantive Session in May 2013 and the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in November 2012, this organization participated in the following meetings:

- 20th session, Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, Switzerland, 27 October-7 November 2014;
- 28th session, Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, Switzerland, 2-27 March 2015;
- 59th Session, Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2015;
- 2015 Non-Governmental (NGO) Conference, United Nations, New York, 25-27 August 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

This organization collaborated with United Nations Women to implement a project titled "Supporting Women's Political Empowerment in Assiut" from October 2014 to April 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

15. IDP Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2008, the IDP Foundation, Inc. is a private non-profit foundation dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of innovative and sustainable solutions to complex global issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To address poverty and gender inequality, IDP Foundation provides education-specific programmes such as the Rising Schools Programme which was developed as a model for improving educational infrastructure in existing low-fee private schools that serve the poor. This innovative, multi-faceted program is rapidly scaling and is proving to be a viable, sustainable financial model that can be replicated around the world. IDP Foundation also offers grant programmes to support healthcare and medical research, education and other programmes that fall within its mission.

Significant changes in the organization

IDP Foundation has expanded its scope of work by creating viable financing mechanisms to improve education in areas of extreme poverty in Ghana, while establishing a close relationship with the education services of the Ghanaian government. Other affiliates of the Foundation include the Center for Education Innovations, Global Partnership for Education and the International Education Funders Group.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending various Sustainable Development Summit plenary sessions, the IDP Foundation also participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) hosted Global Health Impact Forum "What Makes a Grant Great or Philanthropic Gift?" New York, May 2014;
- ECOSOC Partnerships Forum "The Role of Partnerships and their Contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda", New York, 9-10 April 2014;
- UNESCO UNOPS Conference on "Impact of Public-Private Partnerships in Education: Building Evidence" New York, 25 May 2012;
- United Nations Foundation — "GirlUp Leadership Summit" Washington, D.C., 29 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDP Foundation organizes the annual "Distinguished Lecture in Social and Economic Development" in partnership with ECOSOC and the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) in New York. Additionally, this organization has hosted key United Nations dignitaries including the Director-General of UNESCO, Ms. Irina Bokova, in March 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IDP Rising Schools Programme was developed in response to a market demand for addressing the needs for the growing low-fee private school sector in Ghana. This programme targets the poor and seeks to improve their access to quality education through partnerships. To date, the programme has trained 442 low-cost private school proprietors in school management, reached around 105,590 children and disbursed 298 micro-loans for approximately $810,000 USD (3.2 million Ghanaian currency, GHS) with a 93% repayment rate. IDP Foundation has also partnered with other non-governmental organizations such as XPRIZE to devise innovation and technology solutions. Other significant initiatives include partnering with Eneza Education to launch virtual tutorials accessible on low-cost mobiles and collaborating with Sesame Workshop to create practice-oriented openly accessibly online instructional videos for teachers.